

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

January 6, 2005

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Ron Roberts, Councilmember, City of Temecula. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Councilmember Ron Roberts, Temecula, President	District 5
Councilmember Toni Young, Port Hueneme, 1st VP	District 45
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, LA County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Chris Norby, Orange County	
Supervisor Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County	
Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Councilmember Susan Longville, San Bernardino	District 7
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Mayor Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Councilmember Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Marilyn Poe, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Mayor John Beaman, Brea	District 22
Councilmember Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Councilmember Bea Proo, Pico Rivera	District 31
Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Dick Stanford, Azusa	District 33
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36

Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Llewellyn Miller, Claremont	District 38
Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Councilmember Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Bob Yousefian, Glendale	District 42
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC

Members Not Present

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Councilmember Jo Shields, Brawley	District 1
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Councilmember Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Councilmember Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Martin Ludlow, Los Angeles	District 57
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	District 61
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Councilmember Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles	At-Large

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
 Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
 Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer
 Colin Lennard, General Counsel
 Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
 Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy
 Huasha Liu, Acting Director, Information Services
 Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by newly elect San Bernardino County Supervisor Gary Ovitt.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Don Kornreich, Laguna Woods citizen, presented comments supporting implementation of the Maglev.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4 3.1.9 were pulled for discussion. The remaining consent calendar items were MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Becerra) and APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approve Minutes of Nov 4, 2004

3.1.2 Approval of Contracts

- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- Cambridge Systematics (**Pulled**)
- Network Infrastructure Upgrade Project

3.1.5 Approval of FAA System Planning Grant Application

3.1.6 Approval of \$3,500 from General Fund for production of New Member Benefits Brochure

3.1.7 2005 California Federal Delegation Reception for an amount not to exceed \$5,500

3.1.8 Approval of Amendment to SCAG Employee Travel Policy

3.1.9 Ratify the following actions taken by the Executive Committee Dec. 2, 2004

Approval of Contracts

- BlueStar Solutions
- Digital Mapping
- Indian Justice Center

Approve Amending SCAG's Conflict of Interest Code

Approve Co-Sponsorship of a Environmental Streamlining Conference for \$10,000 and Approve amending the OWP to allow funding to be taken from the Environmental Planning Work Element

Approve Co-Sponsorship of Congress for New Urbanism Conference for \$5,000 Funding to be taken from Growth Visioning work element

Approve the creation of a Peer Recognition Program and funding of up to \$5,000 per fiscal year from the General Fund to administer the program that could begin in January 2005 with no more than \$2,5000 to be spent on the program this fiscal year

Approve the 2005 State & Federal Legislative Program

Approve request that the RHNA allocation process be coordinated with the RTP update

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 Contracts & PO between \$5,000 - \$25,000

3.2.2 SCAG Congressional and Legislative Representatives for the new sessions

Items Pulled

3.1.2 Contracts

Cambridge Systematics - Councilmember Dixon, Chair, Administration stated that a protest was filed regarding this contract. Approval will not take place until the protest is settled over the next 30 days.

Councilmember Young requested that the Executive Committee be given authority to meet and take action upon completion of the dispute. She stated that this will not affect the MOUs, however the timeframe in which the funds can be used is shortened each day the contract is not approved. Also there is a concern that the work will not be completed before the money runs out.

Heather Copp, CFO, stated that a rebidding process will be considered if the protest is successful. She noted that options are being reviewed but it depends on the outcome of the protest. It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Gurule) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to allow the Executive Committee to meet and take immediate action upon completion of the protest.

3.1.3 Approval of Cost Recovery Policy

The Administration Committee recommended that this item be tabled until February. It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.4 Approval of AMPO 2005 Membership Dues of \$18,750

The Administration Committee wanted to review this item further and recommended that be tabled until February. It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.9 Approve Sponsorship of the 2005 Clean Cities Conference & Expo

Councilmember Dixon stated that currently the funding is coming out of the General Fund. However there is a possibility that this sponsorship may be funded other with projects. The Administration Committee recommended approving the utilization of project funds, if not, then General Funds should be used.

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Approve Proposed Work Plan for Transit Operators Agreements

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED not to ratify the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve and table until February.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Recognition of Outgoing Members

President Robert presented several awards to outgoing Regional Council members in recognition of their service. Supervisor Hank Kuiper, Imperial County; Supervisor Charles Smith, Orange County; Supervisor Marion Ashley, Riverside County; Councilmember Bev Perry, Brea; Councilmember Keith McCarthy, Downey; Councilmember Alta Duke, La Palma; and Edward Burgnon, Town of Apple Valley.

President Roberts and the Regional Council welcomed Mayor John Beaman, Brea, replacing Bev Perry, representing District 22. Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County, replacing Marion Ashley, County of Riverside.

4.2 Appointments

Announcement of new Regional Council members

Representing Riverside County

Hon. Jeff Stone,

Hon. John Beaman, Brea Representing District 22

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, Representing VCTC

RC Members to Policy Committees

To TCC

Hon. John Beaman, Brea

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

To CEHD

Representing Arroyo Verdugo Cities

- Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank

Representing SANBAG

- Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland

Representing San Gabriel Valley COG

- Hon. Daniel Arguello, Alhambra

To EEC

Representing Gateway Cities COG

- Hon. Dorothy King, Bellflower

Representing San Gabriel Valley COG

- Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas

Representing South Bay Cities COG

- Hon. Frank Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates

To TCC

Representing Gateway Cities COG

- Hon. Jesus Cervantes, Commerce

Goods Movement Task Force

Hon. Steve Adams, WRCOG (Riverside)

Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy

Hon. Carol Herrera, SGVCOG (Diamond Bar)

Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal, Gateway Cities (Long Beach)

Hon. Tonia Reyes Uranga, Long Beach ,

Maglev Task Force

Barbara Lyons, Vice Chair, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Raven Lopez Workman, Consultant to Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Water Policy Task Force

Hon. Jon Harrison, SANBAG (Redlands)

Hon. Frank Zerunyan, South Bay Cities (Rolling Hills Estates)

Aviation Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Steven L. Birdsall, Director of Airports, County of Imperial

4.3 Consensus Trip to Washington D.C.

President Roberts announced that the consensus trip has been scheduled for February 16 & 17, 2005.

4.4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano's report was emailed to all members on the 1st Monday of the month prior to the Regional Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Cont'd

He reported on a meeting with Secretary Sunne McPeak in Sacramento regarding the Governor's Goods Movement Program. He stated that the Secretary and the attendees received a White Paper that Nancy Pfeffer, SCAG staff, completed on how to solve the ports bottleneck issue in the region.

He stated that since goods movement is a of particular current interest to Governor Schwarzenegger, there is an opportunity to seek much needed state leadership on this issue in Washington. Key needs are for environment mitigation, streamlined environmental review, innovative funding of infrastructure, and expedited project delivery.

Mr. Pisano also gave a brief overview and update on the consensus trip scheduled for February 16 & 17 in Washington, D.C. SCAG will join the chairs and CEOs of LAMTA, OOCTA, VCTC, RCTC, SANBAG and Imperial County to advocate on behalf of the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-21 Reauthorization.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Administration Committee Report

5.1.1 Shanghai Maglev Demonstration Trip

Councilmember Dixon stated that SCAG is invited to participate on a trip to Shanghai that is being planned by TRANSRAPID USA for federal officials and the projects around the country. The Administration Committee recommended approval of 2 staff to participate. Funds for one staff will be taken from the general fund and funding for the second staff will be secured from other sources. The Administration Committee recommended approval of the trip.

Councilmember Lowe reported that Zahi Faranesh, SCAG staff, was successful in getting the trip approved by FRA to allow grant funds to be used from the prior trip. She stated funding for the trip was previously to be taken out of the operating budget. However Mr. Faranesh's should be commended for discussing and securing this change with FRA officials.

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Stanford), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the trip as well as to send 2 staff persons to China.

5.1.2 Resolution to IVAG Subregion

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.2 **Council Development & Nominating Committee Report**

5.2.1 **Election of 2nd Vice President**

President Roberts reported that the Bylaws calls for automatically moving the 2nd Vice President into the 1st Vice President's position. Therefore Councilmember Toni Young is now 1st Vice President. He stated that the Nominating Committee will meet again prior to the General Assembly make recommendations to the RC on the selection of 2nd Vice President.

5.3 **Transportation & Communication Committee (TCC) Report**

No report

5.4 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

No report

5.5 **Community & Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report**

Councilmember Robertson stated that there were no action items to present. However, in December the Executive Committee authorized that a letter be sent to Lucy Dunn, Director, California Department of Housing and Community Development, for purposes of coordinating the 4th revision of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process with the 2007 RTP process for SCAG. Three items were asked to be considered: 1) The forecast be developed by SCAG for 2007 RTP Update be used as a basis for allocating housing need; 2) that the duration of the planning period for the subsequent 196 local housing elements in the region be six years; and 3) The deadline for the submission of the revised local housing elements to the HCD be for July 1, 2008.

5.6 **Communication & Membership Subcommittee Report**

Councilmember Proo, Chair, announced that this year is SCAG's 40th Anniversary. While there will be celebratory events during the year, the 2005 General Assembly offers a special opportunity to mark this milestone. The event is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, May 4th and 5th at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles, the site of SCAG's first annual meeting back in 1965.

The theme is: The Changing Faces of Southern California: 40 Years of Progress. Governor Schwarzenegger has been invited to be keynote speaker at dinner on Wednesday. Past SCAG Presidents, members, and alumni will be invited as well as SCAG's planning partners and others to participate as exhibitors and sponsors.

She stated that Regional Council help is needed in soliciting sponsors as well as fund raising ideas. RC members interested in working with the Host Committee, should contact Councilmember Becerra, or Don Rhodes, SCAG staff.

SCAG now has a new Member Handbook that is filled with information about SCAG. She noted that a binder format is used for purposes of replacing sections with updates from time to time.

Finally she reported that as the New Year begins, outreach efforts are increasing. Presentations are being made to Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, Chambers of Commerce, and various community groups. In January thus far, more than 15 presentations spread across every county in our region have been scheduled.

Member interested in making presentations, in general or to a specific audience, should let Cheryl Collier or Barbara Dove know. Staff will work with members in preparing each presentation.

Councilmember Young stated that next month the issue of creating new awards for the General Assembly will be agendized. The committee is recommending that one award be presented from each policy committee for a total of 3 awards. Each policy committee will select a person who has exemplified extraordinary service in the region in their respective areas of concern (i.e. EEC environmental, water etc) The Communication Subcommittee will be responsible for a communications award. All nominations should be presented to the President.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Monthly Financial Report

Heather Copp, CFO, stated that through Jan 3, 2005 SCAG was debt free 135 days. She noted that the finance staff is continually working with Caltrans on a new process to try and eliminate SCAG's reliance on the line of credit as well as reduce the interest cost even further for the rest of the year and into next year.

She reported that the Draft Budget will be presented and discussed at the Regional Council next month. The full draft document will be presented in March. She also reported that SCAG submitted another application for the GFOA Award. SCAG previously received award for excellent work in Finance for 2002-2003.

With regard to membership, most of the dues have been collected. Garden Grove, Twenty-nine Palms and Huntington Park chose not to renew at this time due to budget constraints.

Staff is currently waiting for Caltrans to forward the OWP Budget Amendment (approved in November 2004) to FHWA. The revised target date for approval is February 1, 2005.

Ms. Copp announced that the certification review will be held January 18, 19 & 20 at SCAG. January 19 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. time slot will be available for Regional Council members interested in providing input on the planning process at all levels of government.

7.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Colin Lennard, General Council, announced that SCAG received a letter from the City of Indian Wells asking SCAG to take advantage of a recent amendment to the Brown Act. A report will be provided at the Administration and RC agenda next month.

Councilmember Washburn requested a discussion on current and future base closures within SCAG region.

Councilmember Gabelich, Long Beach, requested that a discussion be held next month on the growth of the region. Topic: "When Does One Say We Can't Handle Any More Growth"? It was thought that this could be discussed in the context of the "State of the Region" report that will be reviewed next month.

8.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

8.1 Closed Session

- HDR Appeal
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision C §54956.9
(one potential case)
Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation
- Deanna Wetherbee-Distel et al. vs. Miguel Leon Martin et al.; Southern California Association of Governments; Riverside Transit Agency; Western Municipal Water District- Claim for Injuries/Wrongful Death Claim; Case Number: RIC 417340
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation, pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Section 54956.9
- Morrison v. SCAG
Morrison v. Southern California Association of Governments et al. Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 312066
Conference with Legal Counsel Government Code section 54956.9(a)

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

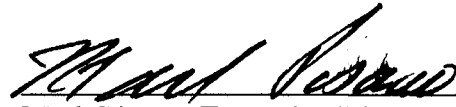
Supervisor Mikels announced that the Governor's BRAC Task Force Committee will be meeting in Los Angeles on January 17 as well as one to be held in Lancaster. Information regarding base closures will be available. She stated that staff could get this information for Councilmember Washburn's request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Cont'd

Councilmember Washburn announced that members of the Los Angeles County Division of LOCC will attend meetings in Montebello. The Legislative Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Executive Committee will meet @ 6:00 p.m. The General meeting @ 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m there will be a city selection committee dealing with MTA and Library Commission Committee appointments.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2005 at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles.



Mark Pisano, Executive Director